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ELECTRICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN A MAINS
CABLE AND A LOOM

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DE 196 08 245 discloses that the invention relates to a plug (1) for an electrical device with at least two flat pin sockets (6) in which the plug (1) is out-of-round in cross section perpendicularly to the plug-in direction (r), with an axis of symmetry (x) passing through the largest dimension. To provide a plug for an electrical device which is characterized by a geometrically uncomplicated, stable and easily handled design, it is proposed that an axis of osculation (y) run transversely to the axis of symmetry (x) in such a way that the cross section above and below the axis of osculation (y) is bounded by a convex line of curvature (K1 and K2), where both lines of curvature (K1 and K2) are substantially in the shape of a section of a circle with different radii.

EP 1 182 734 discloses the control device comprises a casing (23), and at least one control unit (24) with connections at a side of the casing for connecting to a line supply, and flat plug connections (20) at an output side of the casing for connecting to at least one electric

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load of the apparatus. The flat plug connections are arranged in a predetermined raster parallel to each other with a predetermined distance or a multiple of it, and are secured against manual touch. The flat plug connections are preferably surrounded by a casing.

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